

MODELS MDA 100, 200
& 400
BEARINGLIFEGUARD
USER MANUAL REV 2.0,

Table of contents

GENERAL INFORMATION	3
DISCLAIMER	3
SOFTWARE INSTALLATION	4
Setting up the 400 PDA	4
Setting up SQLite database	6
RECREATE- INITIALIZE	6
DATABASE	7
CREATING A USER	7
1.1 Concept of Operations	8
Setting up Assemblies	9
1.1.1 Creating New Database	11
1.1.2 Removing a Database	11
Startup	
Logon	11
Selecting the Data Acquisition Type	12
Main Screens	13
Collecting data-400	14
Data Collection Modes-100/200	16
AssemblySelection- 100/200/400	17
Acquisition Settings 100/200	18
SEARCH 100/400	20
Analyzing Data	20
Bearing Information	21
Forecast	21
Factors	22
Discriminants	23
TimeHistory	24
SpectrumHistory	26
Settings	28
Technician Mode	28
Analyst Mode	29
Engineering Mode	30
OPERATIONAL HINTS	30
REFERENCES	33
ASSISTANCE-SUPPORT	33
DATA COLLECTION	33
General Gudelines	33

1.1.1 Equipment Familiarization

The system requires an electrical connection between the accelerometer located on the motor bearing housing load zone and the data acquisition hardware attached to the local computer. There is no immediate electrical hazard associated with this connection. However, the user may be close to rapidly spinning machine elements. It is often advisable to install the Vibration sensors permanently and run cables out to a BNC access switch box with barcodes to facilitate safe and rapid data collection.

1.1.2 Access Control

The login name used by the program assigns the user privilege level. Both the user name and password are case sensitive, e.g. "User" is not the same as "USER". The user must successfully log in, to use the program. The login process will terminate after 3 unsuccessful attempts.

1.1.3 Installation And Setup

The software can be run in networked or standalone mode. In standalone mode which is the default mode. the SQLite data base server must be installed and running on the local machine. For more information see User's Manual.

1.1 Stopping And Suspending Work

The program can be stopped normally by clicking on the window close box or the exit button on the toolbar. The program cannot be stopped or suspended normally during a measurement sequence

DISCLAIMER

Disclaimer: Please read carefully.

1. Bearing failure may be initiated by a variety of factors and has been shown to be ¹ random in nature. Failure patterns conform generally to a Weibull exponential probability distribution. Bearing LifeGuard estimates are based on the results of diagnostic assessment of six widely accepted vibration analysis techniques, carefully averaged and converted to metrics representing a range of optimum to severely degraded condition. When at maximum they provide the user with credible evidence of severely degraded bearing surfaces.

The philosophy employed is to convey that information in a clear format to maintenance personnel so as to provide reasonable advance warning and encourage prompt action to avert catastrophic operational failure. Given the statistical nature of failure, the bearing could fail immediately or run for six months. The information is provided and the assessment of the risk is left to the user. Experience will provide guidance on the reliability of readings and allow the user to make appropriate adjustments if required.

2. HIGH RISK ACTIVITIES. The standard hardware used for the BearingLifeGuard system is not intrinsically safe! For use in hazardous areas please contact the manufacturer. The Software is not designed, manufactured or intended for use, or to be used, as the sole basis for maintenance or repair decisions in environments in which its failure could lead directly to death, personal injury, or severe physical or environmental damage, such as in the operation of nuclear facilities, aircraft navigation or communication systems, air traffic control, direct life support machines, or weapons systems ("High Risk Activities"). **ACCORDINGLY, WE AND OUR SUPPLIERS SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIM ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR HIGH RISK ACTIVITIES. BY ACTIVATING THIS SYSTEM YOU AGREE THAT WE WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY CLAIMS OR DAMAGES ARISING FROM THE USE OF THE SOFTWARE IN SUCH APPLICATIONS.**

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Full featured Documentation generator](#)

SOFTWARE INSTALLATION

NO ENTRY

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Full featured Help generator](#)

Setting up the 400 PDA

HELPFUL QUICK HINTS:

TO SET UP YOUR MDA 400 PDA HANDHELD COMPUTER

- 1) When unit is first received from DMC-CT:

All BearingLifeGuard™ software and PDA drivers have been installed and unit battery has been charged. Plug Unit into docking station and charge up for minimum of 12 hrs. Subsequent charges until light on unit is green. Then unit it is ready to go. For convenience unit should be left in docking station on trickle charge when not in use.

- 2) If battery is completely discharged and boots up to calibrate screen, recharge and follow simple instructions on screen to Calibrate and reset the Windows™ program. .

Be sure to press Enter on completion of Screen Calibration.

This resets Windows™ and the program settings. Note: if Auto Load program is installed when unit is turned off/on with Power button the BearingLifeGuard data collection program will load automatically on Start Up **Caution: a cold or warm boot may cause loss of data and require reinstalling the program.**

--To reinstall Data Collection Program on 962::

A) Verify USB connection to 962 in Docking Station/Activate Sync link.

Note: In Setting up Active Sync- when prompted, select 'synchronize all files'.

B) From **962 PDA Install| 962 | pocket PC drivers folder**, DAQmxbase CE setup.exedouble click to load drivers on PDA .

C) Open **mobil device** folder to view 962 files- Copy and paste Data **collection V8** to **WINDOWS START UP folder** on 962. In 962 Windows start up folder. copy and paste. Check PDA Windows Start up to verify LifeGuard program Icon is present. Suggest: Copy and paste to PDA opening display for convenience in restarting directly.paste Lifeguard program icon to Windows program display.

Turn unit off and on with power button to verify auto load. If auto load fails, go to Windows Start up and activate with Icon..

BearingLifeGuard will then load automatically on Start Up using red 'Power On' button.

Note: if unit is shut down and battery removed. Repeat above procedure for Auto Load.

- 3) Enable Barcode scanner by selecting Control Panel-Scanner-To KPD-check Start Scan2Key when exit. Test by depressing buttons on side of 962 housing. Scanner will automatically enable at start..
- 4) To check battery power; go to Control Panel/Power settings.
System defaults are: one minute-Idle.... three minutes-System Idle,,, four minutes-Suspend.

Initial Computer Software Installation for PDA-MDA 400

There are four software components which must be loaded onto the computer in order to use the MDA 400 BearingLifeGuard system. The components are:

1. A compatible SQLite database which is used to store the captured information as well as the motor assembly parameters and location. (See below.)
2. The NI DAQmxbase driver software for the data acquisition card.
3. The BearingLifeGuard software for the 400 and the data collection exe.file for the PDA data collection.
4. Active Sync (If not on PC.)
5. After installation of BearingLifeGuard software, in PDA Install folder activate DAQmx Base CE setup to install NI drivers and create link to PDA.
- 6) Using ActiveSync copy and paste MDA400 data collection to 962 in the My Documents file.
- 7) Using BearingLifeGuard Set up install MDA software in host PC or Laptop.

Initial Computer Software Installation-MDA 100- 200

1. The NI DAQmx driver software for the data acquisition card.
2. Net 2.0 (dotnetfx)
3. Install DBUtility with setup program.
4. Activate DBUtility Icon to open database selection screen.
Select SQLite to open database.
5. Create shortcut by right clicking on DBUtility icon (Start/All Programs)..
6. Install the model 100 software from the BearingLifeGuard software disc on your PC..
7. SQLite is your default database.
8. Run the DBUtility
 1. recreate all files

2. recreate users
 3. edit table/ users, add new users and passwords. Set Access levels.
 4. edit table/company, change company #1 from default to your company
add additional companies as needed.
 5. edit table/assemblies, add/create new assemblies ID's, machines, buildings, rooms,
floors as needed. Define each point individually.
9. Install the NIDAQ software. Turn on PDA power and MDA program. Connect and confirm w/ ActiveSync that the program is active and communicating with the DAQ card.
- 10 Collect data and review.
- .

Database-Installation

1. A copy of SQLite database utility is included. When installed it will create the SQLite database. Subsequently, when the DbUtility is opened it will display a database selection screen. The user simply selects and opens SQLite.
- 2.

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Easy to use tool to create HTML Help files and Help web sites](#)

Setting up SQLite database

Initial Software Installation-MDA 400 only.

There are four software components which must be loaded onto the computer in order to use the MDA 400 BearingLifeGuard system. The components are:

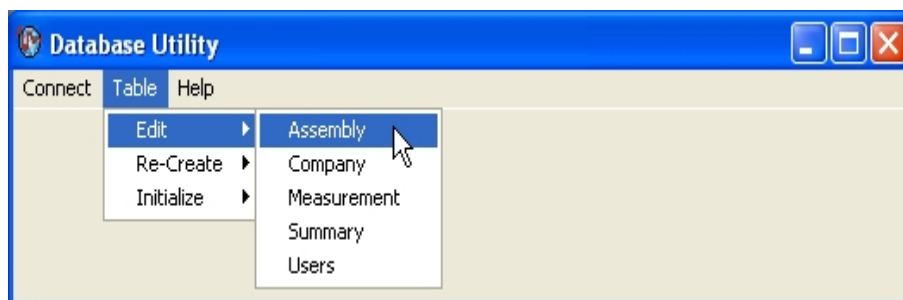
1. A compatible database which is used to store the captured information as well as the motor assembly parameters and location. (See below.)
2. The NI driver software for the data acquisition card.
3. The BearingLifeGuard software for the 400 and the data collection exe.file for the PDA data collection.
4. Active Sync (If not on PC.)

After installation of BearingLifeGuard software, in PDA Install folder activate DAQmx Base CE setup to install NI drivers and create link to PDA. Using ActiveSync copy and paste MDA400 data collection to 962 in My Documents file.

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Easily create HTML Help documents](#)

RECREATE- INITIALIZE

In opening the DBUtility program a drop down menu appears and offers and selecting Edit/Table/ Assemblies -Company- measurement -Summary-Users



The **Edit function** allows the User to go into the database and edit or add to assemblies, companies or users etc.
It allows the Administrator to change the content in the Assemblies, Company, tables and Users.
and set the Information screen Alarm display levels.

'Initialize' Creates sample test assemblies for the new user, populating the Unplanned assembly tree and measurement and summary tables with test samples for use in training or familiarization training.
After training and practice the user may op to clear out the test assemblies and gain more space in the database.
By using the **Re-create feature** which clears out all 'test' assemblies and the measurement/summary tables and
allowing the user to start with a clean database.

CAUTION: BOTH INITIALIZE AND RECREATE WILL ERASE THE EXISTING CONTENT OF YOUR DATABASE!

EditAssembly

Assembly

Machine Point: Demo Bearing 01 Organization ID: 1

Assembly Name: LIGHT IO RACE

Assembly Number: 1 Sensor Number: 01

Motor Characteristics

☐ Rigid Mount ☐ Variable Speed ☐ Gear Drive

Default RPM: 1725

Accel. Sensitivity: 100

Cost of Failure (\$): 10000 Cost of Repair (\$): 1000

Alarm Levels

Probability of Failure (%): 50

Dynamic Force Factor: 3

Location

Building Number: Lab

Floor: Floor 2

Room: 001

New Clone

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Free CHM Help documentation generator](#)

DATABASE

1.1 NO ENTRY

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Easily create HTML Help documents](#)

CREATING A USER

The user table contains user names, user password and user type. There are three user types

Technician

Analyst

Engineer(Supervisor)

The most privileged user type is the Engineer(Supervisor) and the least is the Technician.

To create a new User: Select |New -Enter new user name in field. |Create new password-

Select User Type access level for this User. | Save



Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Free PDF documentation generator](#)

1.1 Concept of Operations

1.1 Concept of Operations

The bearing lifeguard program uses a database for persistent storage. Prior to using the bearing lifeguard application the administrator must select and open the SQLite database. Once opened the database tables must be initialized using the SQLite DButility application. [See Recreate-Initialize in Software Installation.]

The program uses 5 database tables to store information, these are:

User

Company Assembly Measurement Summary

When first using the system and prior to having collected and stored any live data, 'a default database exists' with sample assemblies. A supervisor may elect to erase any sample/test data and start off clean. Do this by selecting Table | Recreate All from the program menu and answer "OK" to the dialog –'will destroy all files' click on OK.

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Easily create Help documents](#)

Setting up Assemblies

After installation of DbUtility and BearingLifeGuard software, click on DbUtility icon in Start | All programs | Bearing LifeGuard. ^ó This brings up the DbUtility menu. Select Table | Edit | Assembly. This will bring up one of the assembly screens. This confirms that database has been initialized and contains sample assemblies with test data. Use the scroll bar to view the sample ID's stored. Selecting any of the others will bring up the screens for examination or editing.

If the assembly screens are blank use initialize to populate them. To Initialize click on the SQLite DbUtility icon to produce the SQLite menu. Table | Edit | Initialize

Note the **Entry Fields** and how they are used to set up an assembly ID point.

EditAssembly

Assembly
Machine Point: Demo Bearing 01
Organization ID: 1
Assembly Name: LIGHT IO RACE
Assembly Number: 1
Sensor Number: 01

Motor Characteristics
☐ Rigid Mount ☒ Variable Speed ☒ Gear Drive
Default RPM: 1725
Teeth on Drive: 0
Accel. Sensitivity: 100
Gear Ratio: -Infinity
Cost of Failure (\$): 10000
Cost of Repair (\$): 1000
Notch 1 Low (Hz): 0
Notch 2 Low (Hz): 0
Notch 1 High (Hz): 0
Notch 2 High (Hz): 0

Alarm Levels
Probability of Failure (%): 50
Dynamic Force Factor: 3

Location
Building Number: Lab
Floor: Floor 2
Room: 001

Quit Update

The **machine point** field identifies the location in the database and may be a barcode # or a manually entered ID either numerical or text.

The **company field** contains the Host Facility number created in the DButility.

The **Assembly Name** & number describes the machine and location of the sensor. ex. Pump 2 front drive bearing. **Sensor number 1-2 etc**

Rigid mount - Check if machine is bolted to concrete or solid foundation.

Variable Speed - check brings up option of defining VFD noise suppression filters,

Gear Drive-allows option of defining gear teeth and ratios to reject gear mesh noise.

RPM - Enter rotational frequency in rotations per minute.

Accelerometer Sensitivity mv/g.

Cost of failure - best estimate of financial cost of catastrophic or unscheduled breakdown.

Cost of repair- best estimate of routine scheduled repair, time and material.

Alarm Levels- User entered settings limits for triggering user warning alerts displayed on Condition Information Screen.

Building, Floor and Room are entered in last three boxes.

This information now identifies the measurement point so that any data collected at that point entered as ID will be available as a date stamped entry in the BearingLifeGuard program on the PC.

1.1.1 Creating New Database

1.1.1 Creating New Database:

In opening the DBUtility program a list of available databases will be displayed. The user is requested to select the database to be used. In 'File name', enter the name of the new database to be used.

When entered, the user will be taken to the 'new data base' in the DBUtility program. The user may then proceed to initialize setting up a new database which creates a sample company and several demo assemblies which the user can then edit add to or delete as required by entering new Companies, Users and machine Assemblies with new ID's in the program.

When completed, the New Database will then appear in the list for selection when either DBUtility or the BearingLifeGuard program are opened.

1.1.2 Removing a Database

1.1.2 Removing a Database: SEE USER'S manual. Note: It is recommended that only an IT supervisor be authorized to remove or modify an existing database

Logon

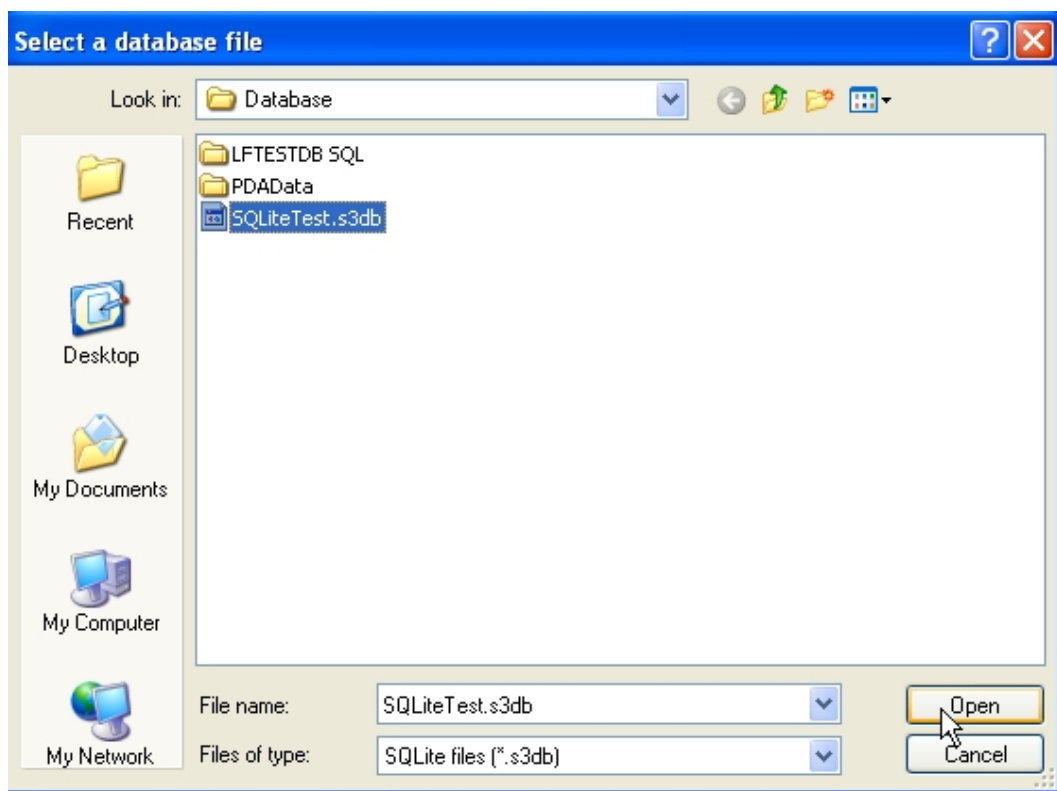
The user must select a Database Name, and enter a user name and password into the appropriate text box and then click on the submit button. The Bearing Lifeguard program will terminate if an incorrect user name or password are entered three (3) times.

The User name and password are created in the DBUtility. Table | Edit | Users. Each user name is associated with one of three privilege levels, technician, analyst and engineer selected in the DBUtility. The lowest privilege level is the technician and the highest is the engineer. The privilege level limits what operations can be performed from the main screen and the settings screen.



Note: The user name and password are case sensitive and may be different than the computer login name and password.

The DBUtility program allows the **administrator (Engineer/Supervisor)** to modify the user name, user password and assign a user's privilege level. After Submit the Select a Database file screen is the first screen a user will see. The database name is SQLite. The user will select it and Open to start the program..



Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Full featured Documentation generator](#)

Selecting the Data Acquisition Type

Selecting a Data Acquisition Source[Applies only to MDA 100 & 200]

This Data Acquisition Source selection screen, Figure 510, is shown to an analyst or engineer. The National Instruments DAQCard is automatically assigned to a technician.



Figure 510The user may elect to examine **simulated sine or white noise random signals**, select **existing data files** or **collect new data** by activating one of the three and clicking Done. The **MDA 400** will show only PDA as the Source.

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Easily create Web Help sites](#)

Main Screens

From the **MDA 100, 200** main screen the user can access the help system, collect new, or review and search for previously collected data.

A technician can only **collect new data and view Information, Factors and Discriminants** while an analyst or engineer can **collect new data, review or search, as well as look at tab selected time waveform and frequency spectrums** for previously collected data. The Engineer(Supervisor) may **also create planned program routes, examine and edit the database and assign passwords**. If the user is assigned the technician privilege level the Review and Condition Search buttons will be dimmed and unavailable.

In the **MDA 400** screen data resides on an external PDA. The Main screen will initially contain only four tabs:

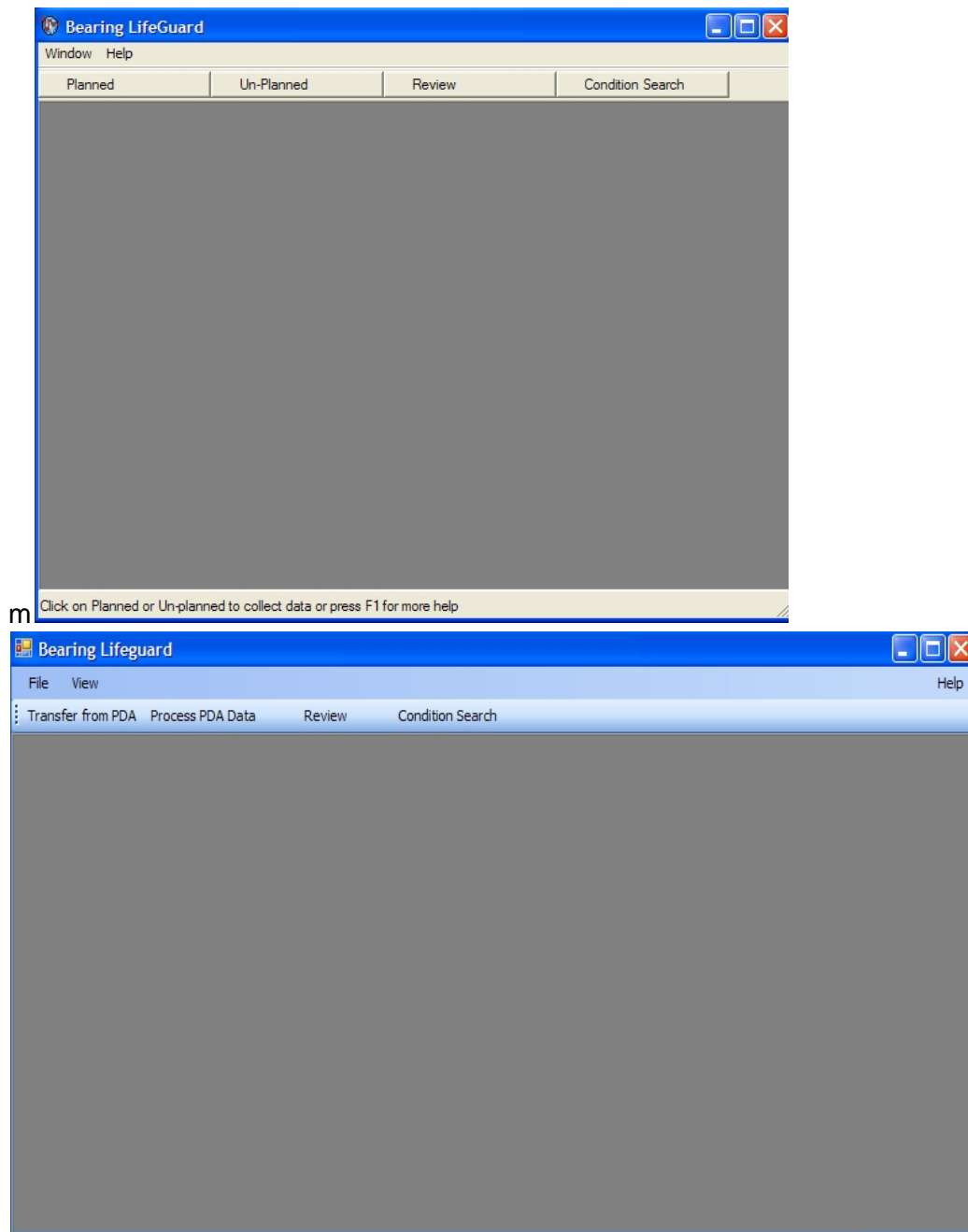
Transfer data from PDA, Process Data, Review Data and Condition Search. Like the MDA 100-200 the MDA 400 provides the tab selected Time History, Frequency spectrum, demodulated time and spectra, all with Zoom capability as well as the Information Summary screen.

MDA 100, 200-- Planned, UnPlanned, Preview and Condition Search

MDA 400 transfer data from PDA, Process, Review, Condition Search

MDA 100,200 Screen

MDA 400 Screen



Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Free CHM Help documentation generator](#)

Collecting data-400

The Bearing LifeGuard system is configured so that users may elect to have the data collected by personnel with minimal vibration training, who need only have familiarity with the facility, the machine locations and have diligent observational and safety skills. The data is stored in the database for review and examination by the supervisor. When necessary an Analyst may need to be consulted, but generally, if properly configured, all the information necessary to make a sound maintenance decision is available immediately. The collection process is made user friendly and relatively uncomplicated. When required, the Analyst or Engineer may take the MDA 100/200 or a portable MDA 400 PC to the machine site and collect and observe all the vibration characteristics on location in real time.

The MDA 400 data collection is done by handheld Portable Data Acquisition (PDA) Computer with inserted accelerometer power supply and data acquisition capability. A barcode scanner is used to identify the collection point and the data are collected and stored in Flash memory. The

PDA is placed in a docking station and the Supervisor uploads the data to the PC. Once transferred, the records are removed from the PDA and it is ready to collect more data.

BearingLifeGuard™

Step #1
Click on

Perform Measurement

Quit

DMC-CT
Dynamic Measurement Consultants, LLC
Hamden, CT USA
US Patent # 6,763,312 B1

MDA 400 PDA Data Collection Screen

User Input Fields

Assembly ID 111222333

RPM Normal (600-7200)

of Data Sets 3

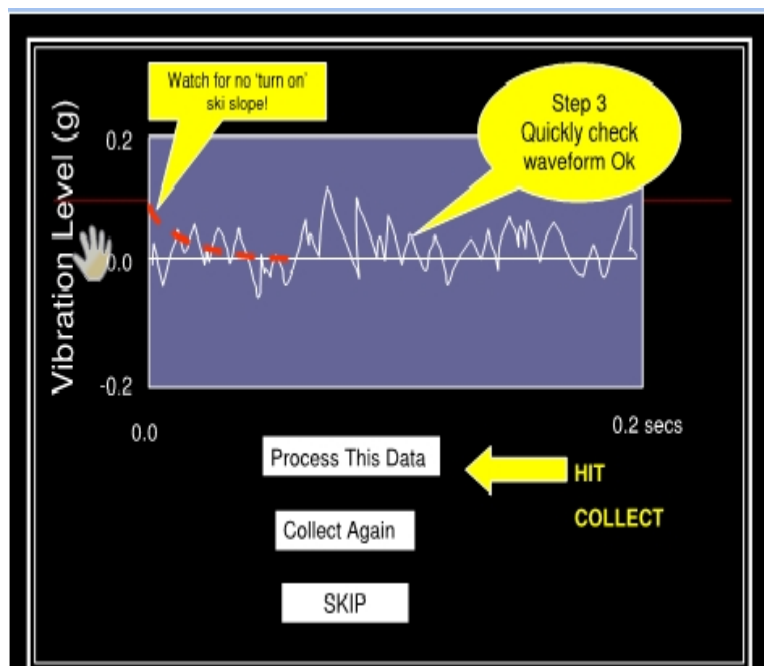
Collect Data

Finish

- Scan barcode
- Select RPM range.
- Select # data sets
- Hit collect.

Step 2
click

Enter Barcode ID -Select # Samples- Collect



Bearing LifeGuard® -Information Screen:

Step-5 YOU GET ANSWERS! NOT SPECTRA!

Timestamp = 11/21/2006 12:55:35 PM

Forecast period (days)	90	RPM	3600
Estimated MTTF (hours)	2160		
Estimated Life (hours)	1935		
Probability of Failure in forecast period	63 %		
Short term Probability (14 day)	6 %		
Risk Estimate	\$6321	CoAE	\$10000

Bearing service recommended

Factors | Determinants | MTTF

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Easily create Web Help sites](#)

Data Collection Modes-100/200

There are two (2) data collection modes for the MDA 100 & 200, Planned and Unplanned, and two(2) data Review and Search modes:

1. The **Planned mode** limits the assemblies displayed to items preselected by a session planner.
2. The **Unplanned mode** allows a user to view and select Ad Hoc, any assembly stored in the database.
3. The **Review mode**, using a data tree created on collected points, allows the user to immediately review the informational results for any selected point. Other detailed data is also available in Review mode.
4. The **Search mode** allows the Analyst or Engineer to select view only those units that exceed any one of three

selected criteria. [Failure Probability, \(Requires Service attention?, High Dynamic Force. \(Shortening Machine life which also costs money.\) or Financial Risk \(How much money?\)](#)

To start collecting data a user clicks on either the planned or un-planned button on the main window tool bar.

1.1.1.1.1 Data Collection (Acquisition) Modes

In the MDA 100 and 200 there are two (2) data acquisition modes, **planned** or **un-planned**. The planned mode lists only those measurements scheduled for a particular session, while the un-planned mode allows the user to sample data on any machine currently in the database. The user can select the acquisition point using barcode scanner or by manually highlighting the measurement point on his Planned/Unplanned tree display on his data collector. A plan file is a text file which contains a list in order of the assembly ID's to be sampled, one assembly ID per line.

A **review mode** (Figure 512) in the 100, 200 and 400 brings an assembly tree with all points with collected data. When a point is selected, the Information Screen immediately appears giving the user quick assessment of a measured bearing point's condition. The user can continue to examine all the additional data waveforms and spectra as necessary.

An additional **Condition Search** mode allows the user to search and display any assemblies exhibiting levels of % Probability of Failure, Dynamic Force levels or levels of high Financial Risk. The user selects any of the three search criteria, enters the level and initiates the search. All units meeting any one of the criteria will be displayed in the database tree. An operation or measurement is initiated by clicking on the appropriate program tool bar icon.

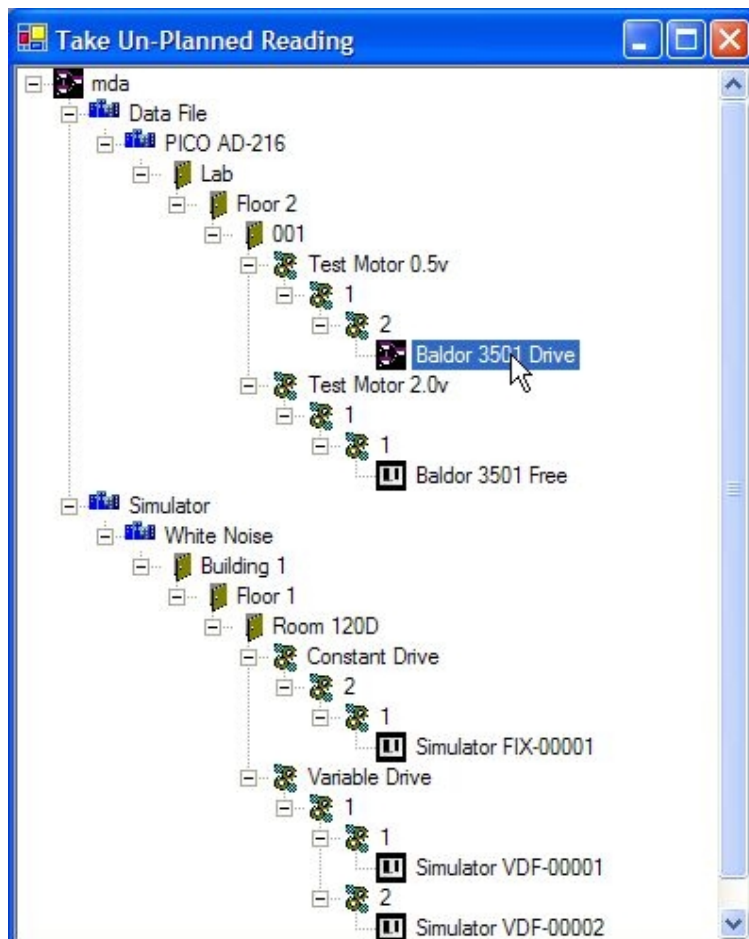
Figure 513

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Full featured Documentation generator](#)

[AssemblySelection- 100/200/400](#)

The assembly ID uniquely identifies the tree location to a single sensor location on a particular motor. Note that there may be more than one sensor on a motor. Selecting an assembly by clicking on the assembly ID will bring up the next screen which allows the user to change measurement parameters, Figure 514.

1.1.1.1.1 The user selects an assembly by scanning ID point location barcode previously stored in the database assembly, or by clicking the mouse on an assembly ID in the tree view window. An assembly ID is the last item at each branch. The window title indicates which operating mode was selected, planned, un-planned or review. The first item in the tree identifies the database in use.



Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Free iPhone documentation generator](#)

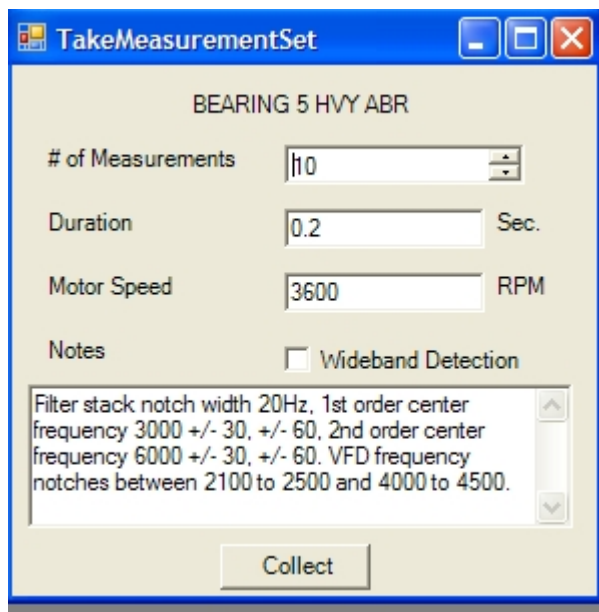
Acquisition Settings 100/200

OAquisition Settings

The default values for Motor Speed and Wide Band Detection are taken from the Assembly database. The operator is given a chance to enter notes prior to starting the measurements. The user selects the number of sample averages required, the sample time (0.2 sec. default.) the motor RPM is taken from the assembly set up but may be manually input by user. To minimize imbalance and misalignment influences on bearing noise calculations, by default the BearingLifeGuard system uses high frequency energy over four times rotational frequency to 15kHz . The user may elect to use frequencies from 3 Hz to 15 kHz by checking Wideband Detection. Once an assembly ID has been selected a new screen will pop up and display the default settings for the measurement set. The default settings should be acceptable for most cases. One general exception would be motor speed which should be measured and entered when recording data on a variable speed motor. In this latter case it is recommended that a consistant RPM be used each time a reading is taken so that conditions will be essentially the same from reading to reading.

The operator may enter comments, for example, a description about the motor appearance or performance information, belt vibration, loose foundation, leaks, etc., into the notes area. Any comments entered are stored in the database with the measurement data for this reading. Any VFD or Gear Mesh notch frequencies used in the assembly point set up will be displayed. The first block represents the number of samples to be captured and averaged. The Duration determines the bandwidth resolution. Example: $1/0.2 = 5$ Hz frequency bandwidth. Motor speed is obtained from the

Assembly set up in the DB Utility or may be entered directly in this field block in RPM. This figure will determine the 4X low frequency cut off used in the HF (High Frequency) energy measurement.

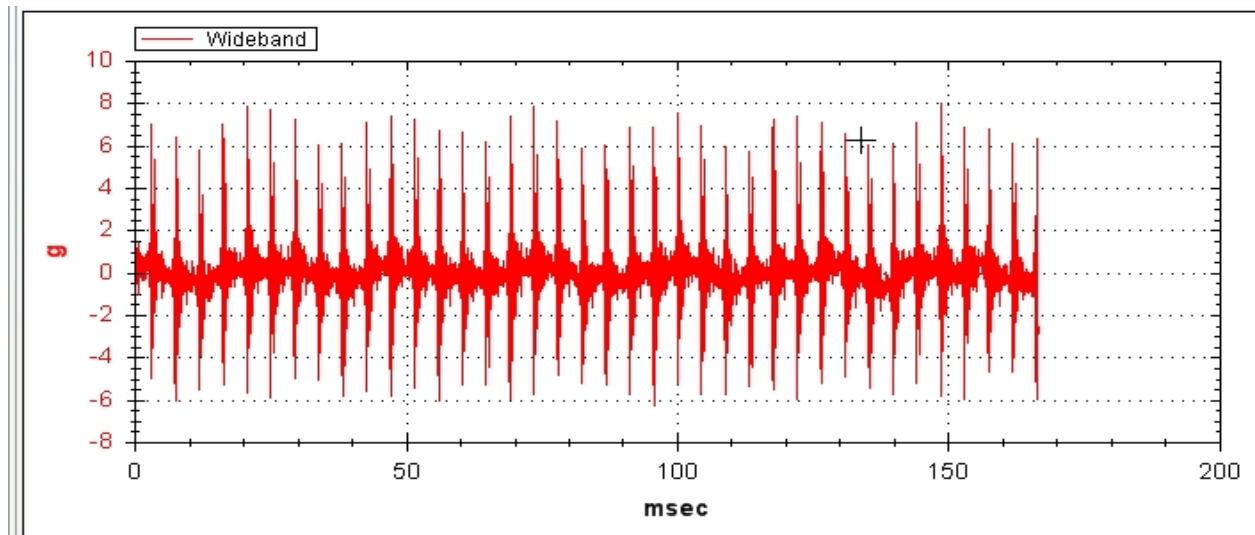


The 'TakeMeasurementSet' dialog box is titled 'BEARING 5 HVY ABR'. It contains the following fields and controls:

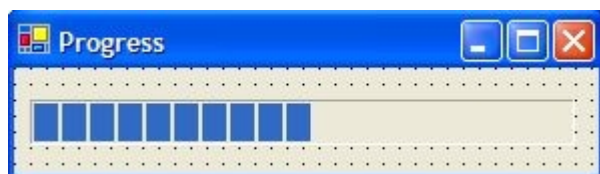
- # of Measurements: 110
- Duration: 0.2 Sec.
- Motor Speed: 3600 RPM
- Notes: ☐ Wideband Detection
- Filter stack notch width 20Hz, 1st order center frequency 3000 +/- 30, +/- 60, 2nd order center frequency 6000 +/- 30, +/- 60. VFD frequency notches between 2100 to 2500 and 4000 to 4500.
- Collect button

Once satisfied with the information; click on the Collect button to start the data collection sequence.

The first record will be captured and a plot of the raw data will be presented to the user. The user must accept the data by clicking "Process this data" in order to continue. If the user closes the dialog or clicks "Collect data again" the data will be re-sampled and presented to the user again. If the user clicks on "skip to next assembly" the data collection for this motor will be bypassed.



Once the data is accepted the remaining samples will be read without interruption and a progress bar will be displayed during the data collection process.



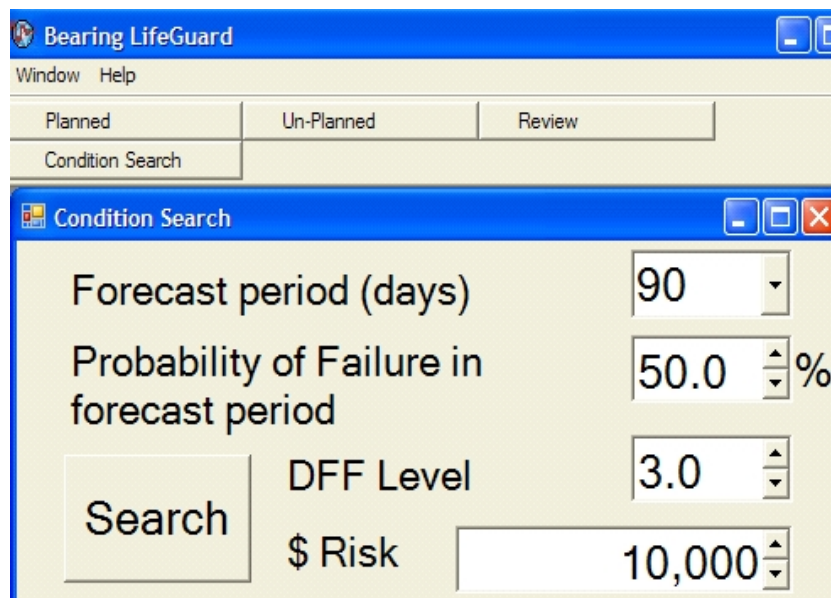
IEPE BIAS FAULT- the MDA systems are configured to measure bias levels on IEPE sensors to assure the user that the sensor is functioning properly. The nominal bias range is approximately one half the constant current power supply level. The MDA system is designed to check for bias level and warn the user if it is within the proper range typically 7 to 15 volts. This is important to verify proper operation of the IEPE sensor. When bias is out of range a user alert message is displayed warning the user. This message may be ignored if user is aware that the connection is valid and an IEPE input is not being used. i. e. A preconditioned sensor signal with zero bias level is connected as the source. The user may elect 'Continue" and the system will process the AC signal with a zero bias level. The error message does not effect the processing of the AC coupled portion of the signal.

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Full featured Documentation generator](#)

SEARCH 100/400

The **CONDITION SEARCH MODE** allows a Supervisor to **focus efforts and resources** by quickly identifying machines that require attention. The user chooses criteria for **selecting specific ID locations** for closer review. Three criteria are provided which allow review of only those machine points that exceed specific **Probability of Failure**, **DF (Dynamic Forces)** levels, or **\$(Financial or safety) Risk factors**.

For example: A Supervisor may wish to know which machines have a \$ risk which exceeds \$2000 and have POF levels in excess of 40%. By entering the numbers into the fields and disabling the the DF field by putting it over 10, only those machines with values exceeding those figures will be brought up for review in an assembly tree.



The screenshot shows the 'Bearing LifeGuard' application window with a 'Condition Search' dialog box open. The dialog box has a 'Search' button and several input fields: 'Forecast period (days)' set to 90, 'Probability of Failure in forecast period' set to 50.0%, 'DFF Level' set to 3.0, and '\$ Risk' set to 10,000. The background window shows tabs for 'Planned', 'Un-Planned', and 'Review', with 'Condition Search' selected.

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Easy CHM and documentation editor](#)

Analyzing Data

Analyzing Data: The Bearing LifeGuard system has been designed to minimize the need for detailed vibration analysis. The system is designed to allow a technician to identify the collection point via barcode, connect and automatically power up the accelerometer, initiate the collection process, observe and validate the vibration waveform, collect the data

and move to the next point. Notes may be taken if needed. A point may also be accessed by highlighting it on the assembly tree.

On completion of the collection process, the supervisor may review the data, do a search to identify and further examine deviant points. If there are none worthy of note, the process is complete. The data has been stored for future reference in the Bearing LifeGuard database. Problem units revealed in the search process, **may be examined in more detail** by the **Analyst or Engineer** by reviewing the **ID Factors, Discriminants** or the **time, spectral or demodulated** information to identify the cause and correct it. **Since information is available from six powerful diagnostic procedures the vast majority of problems will be quickly identified and rectified.**

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Free help authoring environment](#)

Bearing Information

The **Bearing Condition Information window** is shown after a data set has been collected or when the user **selects Review or Search** from the program tool bar.

The window title indicates **the current Assembly Identifier (AssemblyID)**. In the example below the Assembly ID is "**Bearing 5 HVY ABR**"

which is just a test sample. The most recent reading for this Assembly is identified with a date and time stamp.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Bearing Information for AssemblyID = [BEARING 5 HVY ABR]". It has two tabs: "Settings" and "Processed Data". The "Processed Data" tab is active, displaying the following information:

- Timestamp = 11/21/2006 12:55:35 PM
- Forecast period (days): 90 (dropdown menu)
- RPM: 3600
- Estimated MTTF (hours): 2160
- Estimated Life (hours): 1935
- Probability of Failure in forecast period: 63 %
- Short term Probability (14 day): 6 %
- Risk Estimate (Forecast Period): \$6321
- CoAF: \$10000

A red text message "Bearing service recommended" is displayed on the right side of the window. At the bottom, there are three tabs: "Factors", "Discriminants", and "MTTF".

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Free Web Help generator](#)

Forecast

The user can select a forecast period, **90 days** is the default. Other choices are 60, 120, 180 or 270 days.

Estimated **MTTF** is a Mean Time To Failure based on the last **BC Bearing Condition** reading.

Estimated Life reflects **reduction in expected bearing life** due to **high dynamic force** levels

Estimated Probability of Failure is derived from the MTTF value such that when BC=10 the Probability of Failure = 63% for the selected forecast period. When **forecast period time** is changed the **MTTF changes** but the **probability of failure (POF)** remains constant.

The short term Probability of Failure is the estimated probability that the assembly will fail within 14 days.

The "**Risk Estimate**" is equal to the **Probability of failure * Cost of Actual (unscheduled) failure**, "CoAF", sometimes known as "**Avoided cost**". The value displayed in the text box labeled is the **user estimated cost of actual failure in \$** and is stored in the Assembly database.

Note that **when a safety issue is involved cost is not an object**. However **the supervisor may still use this feature** by entering a very high estimated risk in monetary units.

Bearing Information for AssemblyID = [Baldor 3501 Drive]

Settings | Processed Data | Spectrum | Reading 1

timestamp = 02/16/2006 19:03:01

Forecast period	90	Days
Estimated MTTF	14199	Hours
Estimated Life	13062	Hours
Probability of Failure in forecast period	5.8	%
Short term Probability (14 day)	.4	%
Risk Estimate (Forecast Period)	\$576	CoAF \$10000

Factors | Discriminants | MTTF @BDF=10

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Create HTML Help, DOC, PDF and print manuals from 1 single source](#)

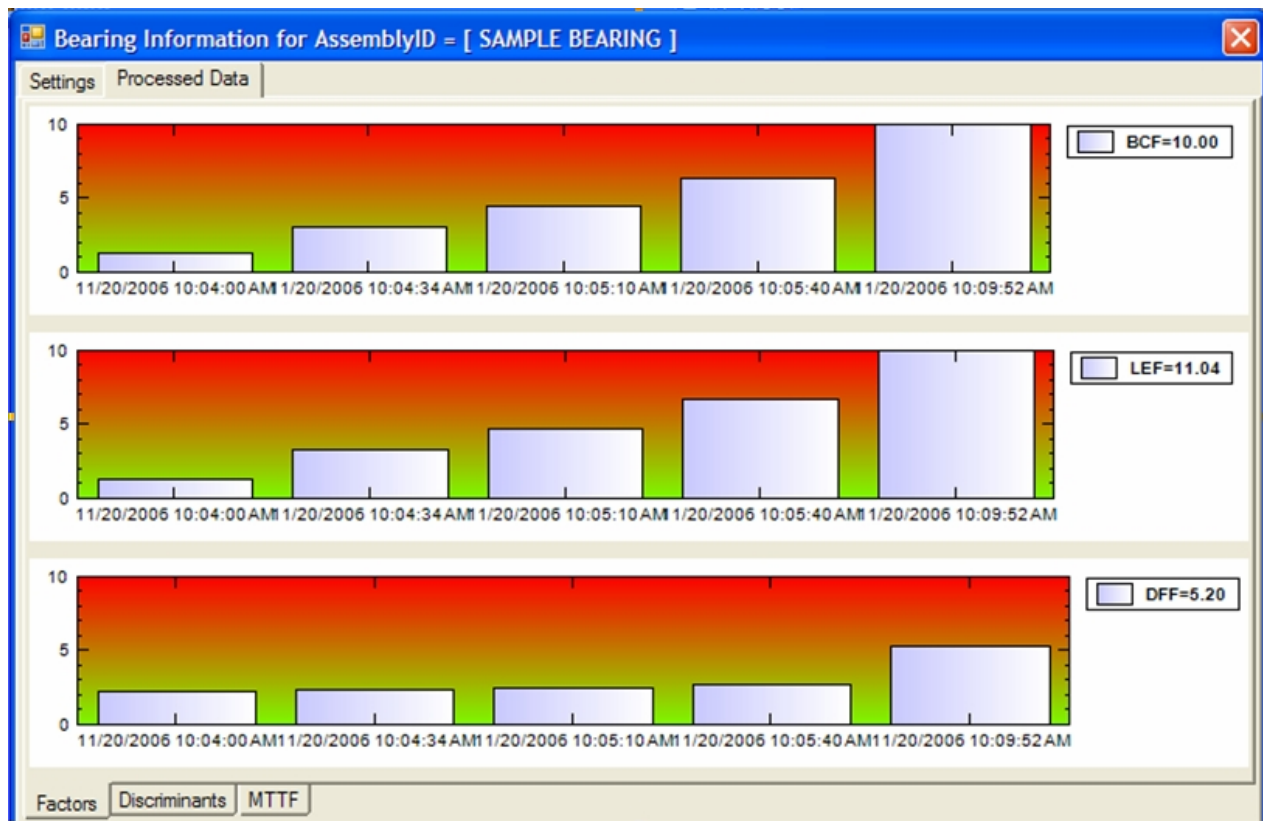
Factors

FACTORS

BC - Indication of actual **bearing condition** where **<1.0 = Optimum(Like new.)** and **10 = Near failure**

LE - Indicator of projected **bearing life** including effects of both BC and DF. where **<1.0 = Optimum** and **10 = near failure**.

DF-indicates level of **life reducing** dynamic forces(Ex.Caused by imbalance and misalignment) where **<1.0 = Optimum** and **10 = Danger**



Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Free HTML Help documentation generator](#)

Discriminants

DISCRIMINANTS

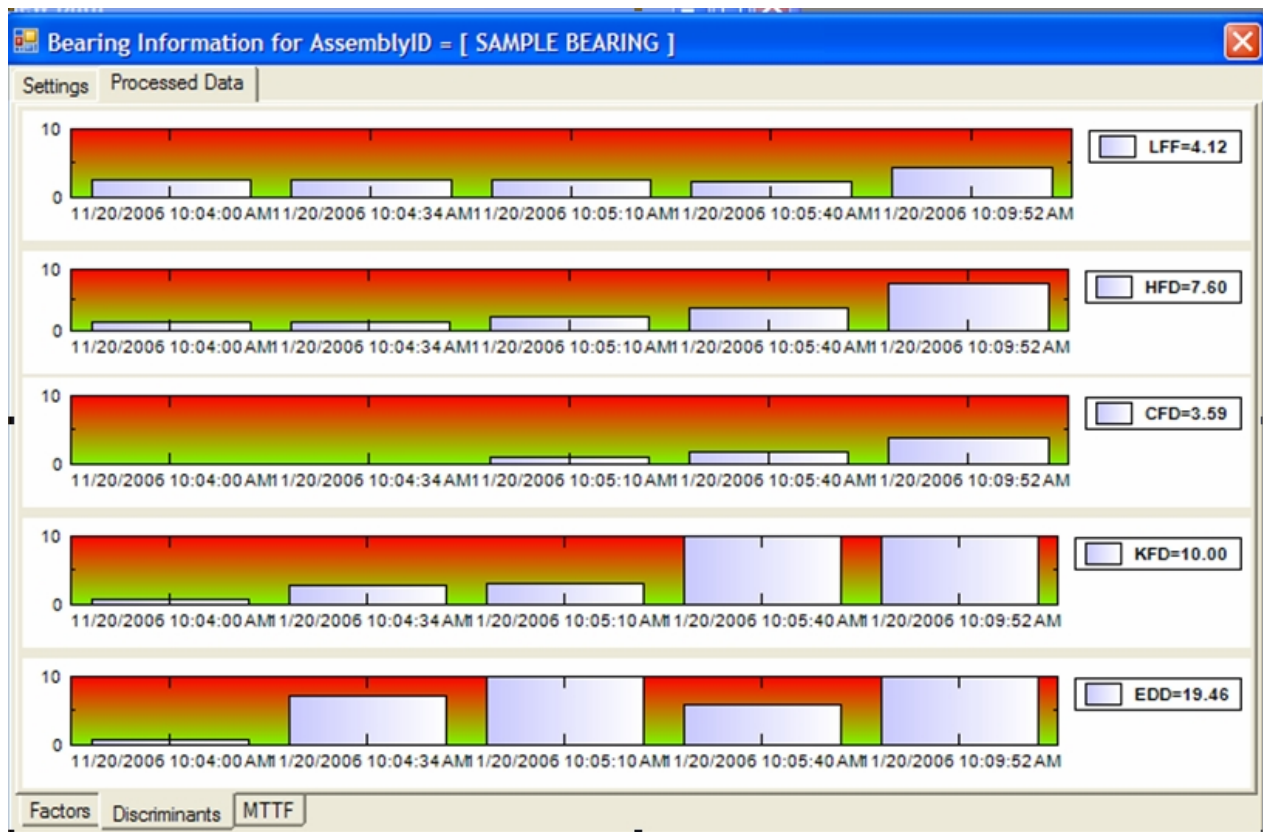
LFF = Low frequency acceleration level where <1 = optimum and 10 = danger.

HFD = High frequency acceleration energy where <1 = optimum and 10 = **damage-surface roughness..**

CFD = Crest factor ratio of peak to rms acceleration where < 1 = acceptable and 10 = **early fatigue cracking defects.**

KFD = Weighted value of Kurtosis acceleration factor where <1 - smooth and 10 = **surface damage heavy impacts.**

EDD = Weighted value of demodulated acceleration envelope where < 1 = smooth and 10 = **Impacting damage**



Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Free Web Help generator](#)

TimeHistory

The time histories are line graphs of the raw or filtered acceleration data. Select tabs along the top of the screen to view reading (**Time signal.**) or spectrum(**Frequency spectrum.**) . Select the specific signal type and range by selecting one of the tabs along the bottom of the window.

The data displays are slightly different depending on whether the user is collecting or reviewing data.

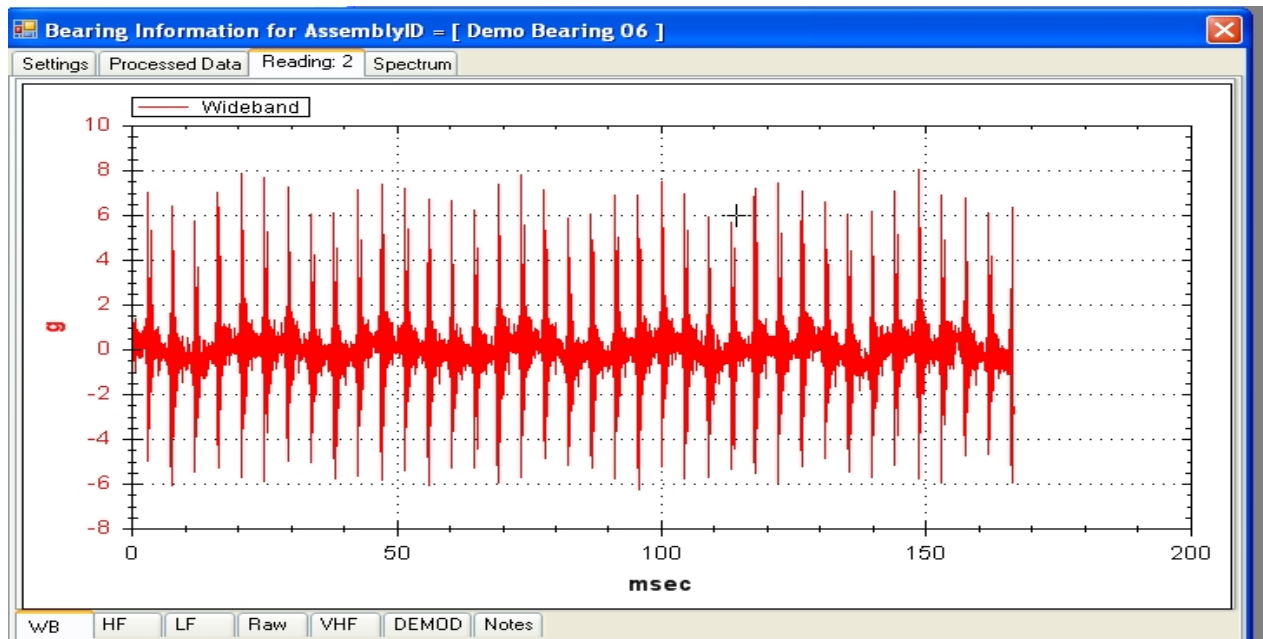
- When collecting data there will be a Time History for each data sample and a single (averaged) spectrum.
- When reviewing data only the last reading of each measurement set and the ten sample spectrum associated with the last reading are shown.
- To zoom time-left click, drag and outline the section to observe
- To zoom amplitude-right click-select desired zoom multiplier from drop down.

Tabs- To view acceleration data

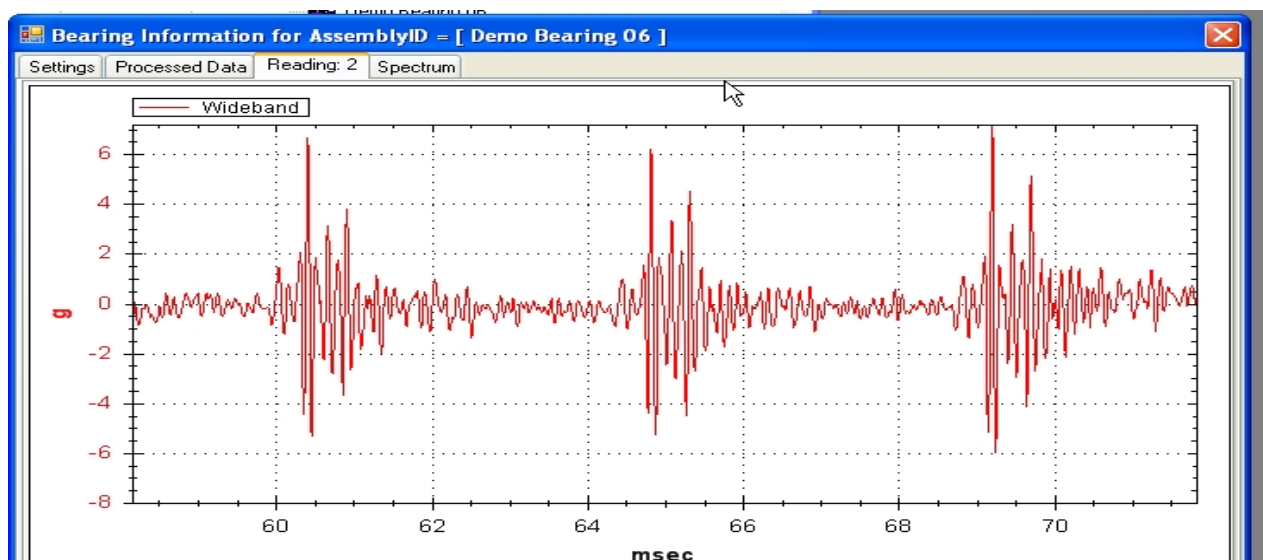
- **Raw**-Unfiltered incoming signal.3 Hz to 40 kHz.
- **WB**- Wide band 3 Hz to 15 kHz.
- **LF**- Low frequency acceleration (g) or Velocity (in/sec)-**Severity**
- **HF**- Filtered 4x rotation to 15 kHz.
- **VHF**- Filtered 15 kHz to 40 kHz.
- **DeMod**--Enveloped demodulated 3 Hz to 1kHz.

To view additional readings select settings and add/highlight readings available in drop down. New readings will appear as tabs on top bar.

150 Milli sec acceleration time sample of defective bearing.



12 milli sec sample of same bearing. Note the impact and ring down.



Twenty five kHz frequency spectrum of same bearing.

NOTE: Instantaneous amplitude or frequency may be displayed by right clicking mouse. Time and spectral waveforms may be Zoomed by rolling center mouse control and/or depressing button to move right or left.

No need to look at all the technical details. Immediate Condition assessment report provided to Maintenance Supervisor.

This report provides all the information required to make a service decision. If no action is taken and failure occurs it could cost over \$5000 in interruption costs.

Bearing Information for AssemblyID = [Demo Bearing 06]

Settings | Processed Data | Reading: 2 | Spectrum

Time stamp = 8/4/2010 6:37:24 PM

Forecast period (days)	90	RPM	1725
Estimated RMTTF (hours)	2586		
Estimated Life (hours)	2501		
Probability of Failure in forecast period	53.4 %		
Short term Probability (14 day)	4.6 %		
Risk Estimate (Forecast Period)	\$5339	CoAF	\$10000

Risk Cost exceeds Repair Cost

Factors | Discriminants | RMTTF

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Free PDF documentation generator](#)

SpectrumHistory

The spectrum plots are averaged results of selected number of time history samples in g (rms). User may view frequency and amplitude of selected spectrum peaks on top display bar as shown, by right clicking and selecting 'view marker' in drop down menu. Drag the red diamond below to desired frequency.

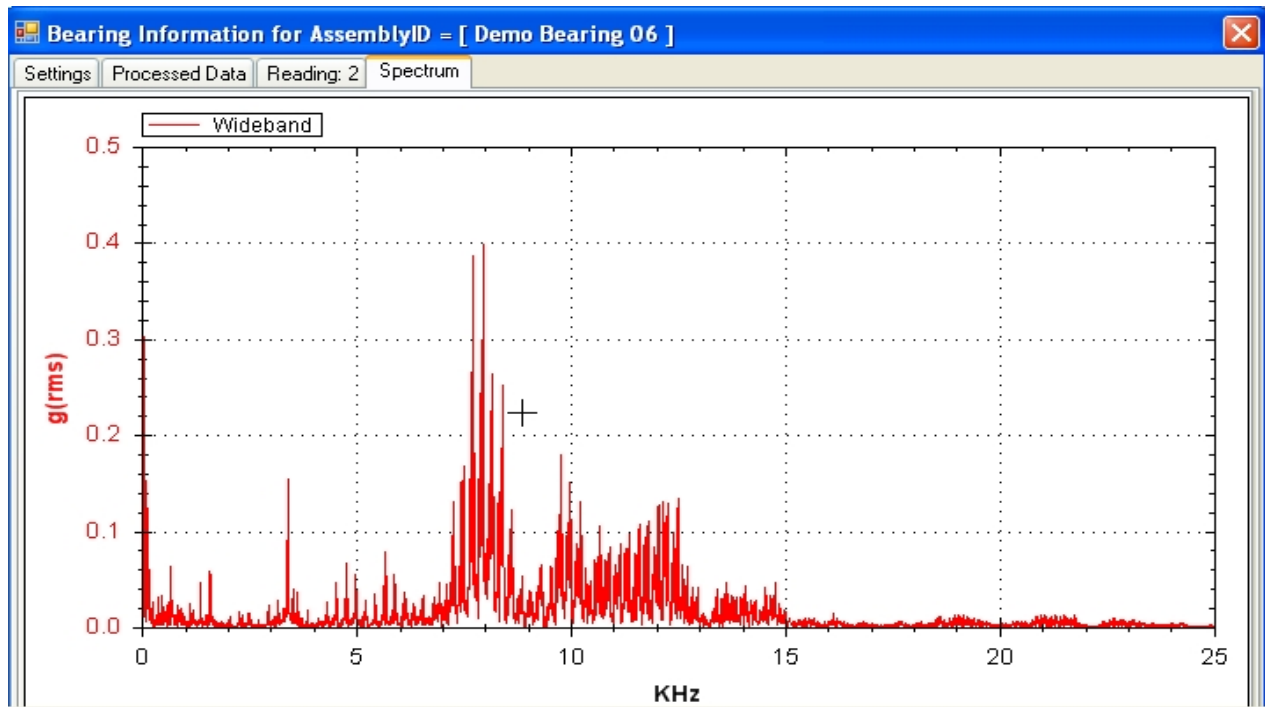
To zoom display amplitude, right click and select from drop down menu. To expand section, click and drag to outline portion to be observed.

Tab Select:

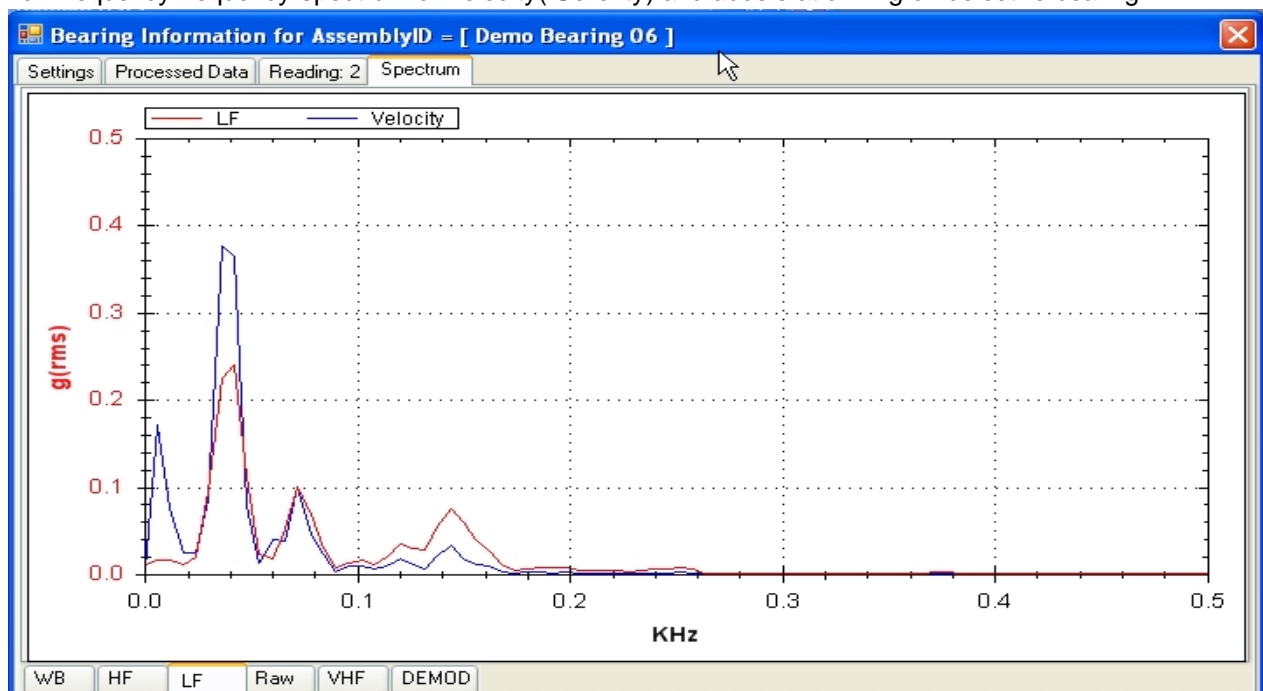
- Raw- Unfiltered incoming signal. 3 Hz to 40 kHz.
- WB- Wide band 3 Hz to 15 kHz.
- HF- Filtered 4x rotation to 15 kHz.
- VHF- Filtered 15 kHz to 40 kHz.
- DeMod-- Enveloped demodulated 3 Hz to 1kHz

To view additional readings select settings and add readings available. New readings will appear as tabs on top bar.

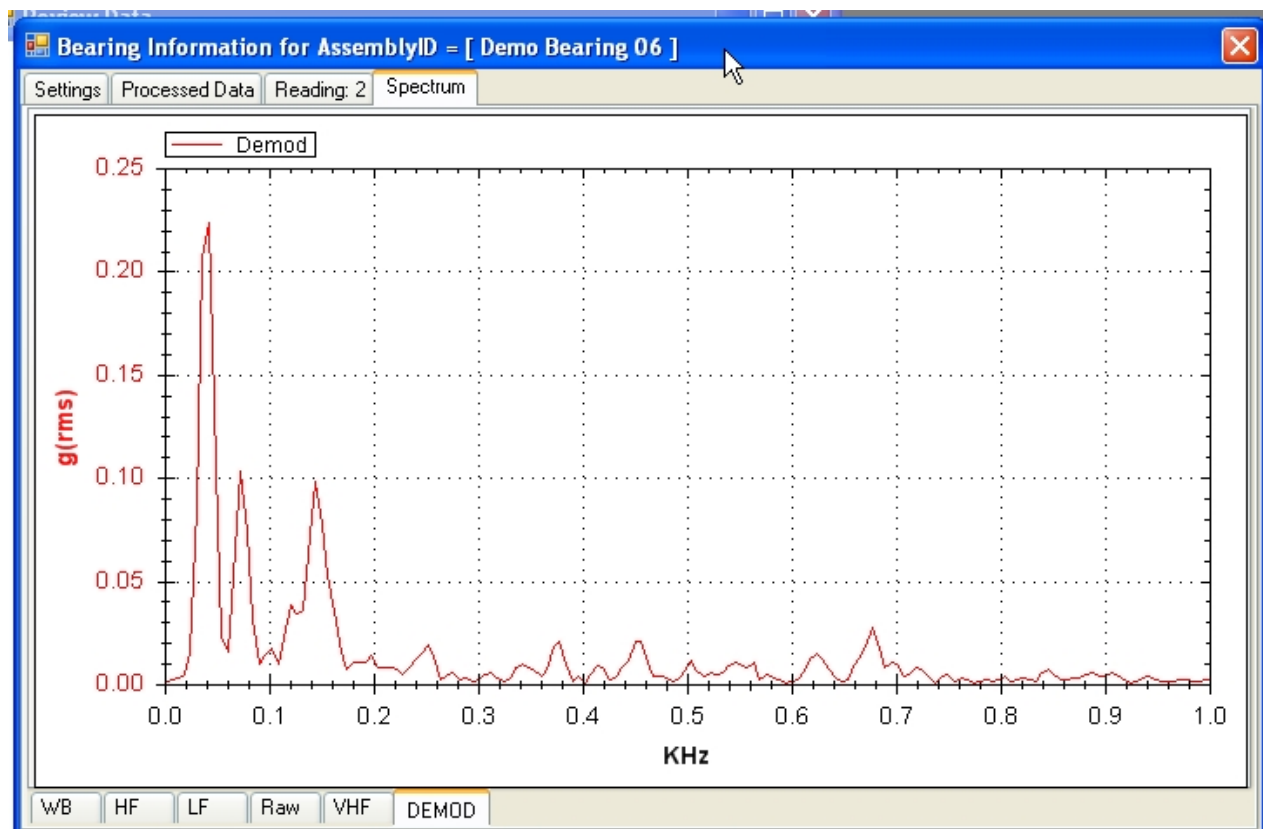
Wide band, unfiltered frequency spectrum 1 hz to 25 kHz.



Low frequency frequency spectrum of Velocity(Severity) and acceleration in g on defective bearing.



Demodulated spectrum indicating periodic impact frequencies.



Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Easily create Web Help sites](#)

Settings

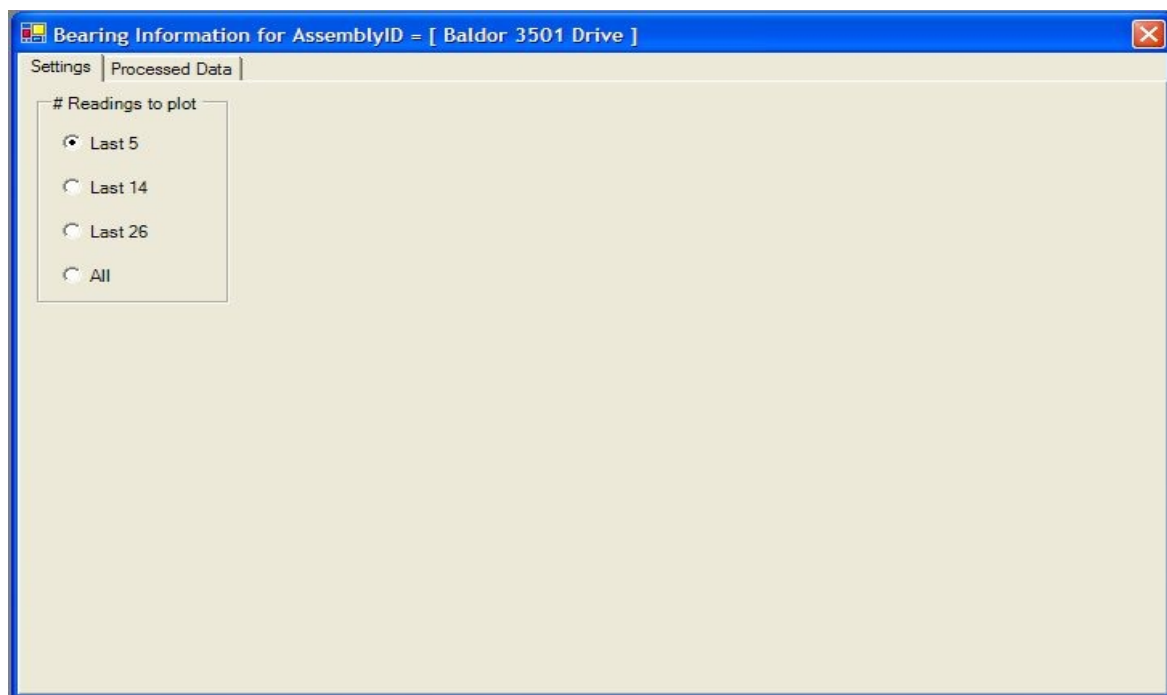
The settings screen changes based on the user's privilege level. The differences can be seen by selecting one of the links below.

[Technician](#)
[Analyst](#)
[Engineering](#)

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Single source CHM, PDF, DOC and HTML Help creation](#)

Technician Mode

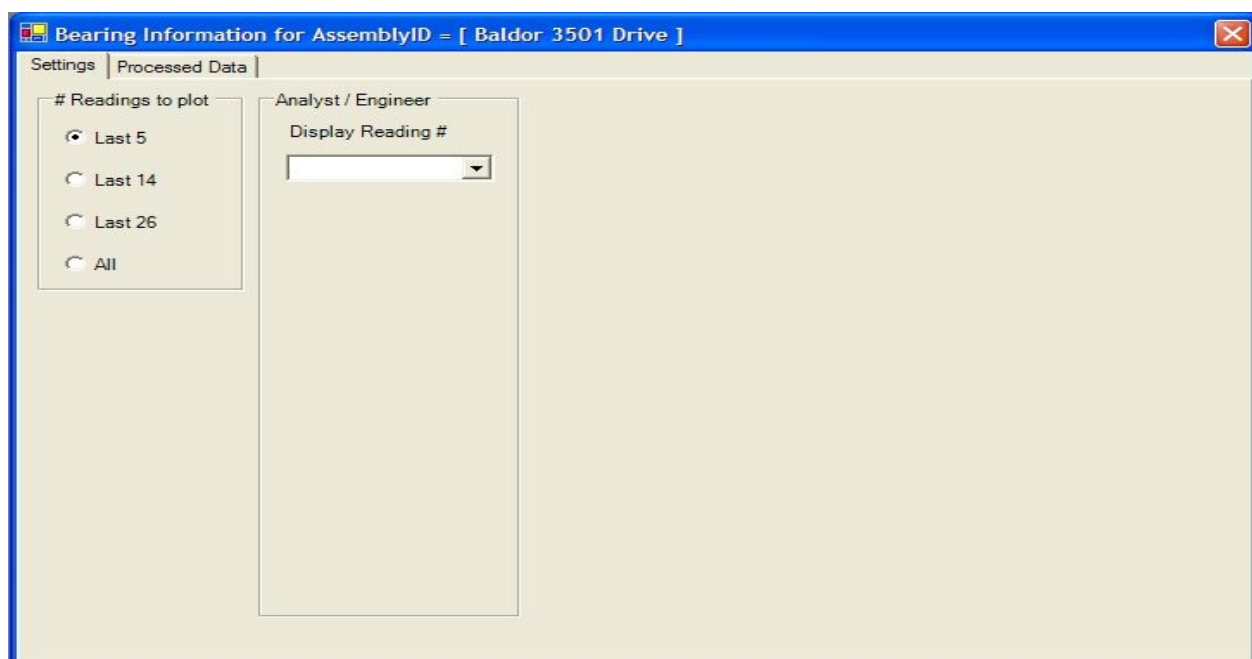
All users can change the number of readings considered when plotting the factors and discriminants.



Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Easily create Help documents](#)

Analyst Mode

If the user is has analyst privileges they can view previously recorded data and select the number of prior collections to be viewed. Last five to All. The user must then hit Display reading tab and select the specific date that is to be displayed. Usually the most recent. This is accomplished by selecting a reading number using the pull down text box in the middle of the screen. The reading number corresponds to the data which generated the bargraphs on the factors and discriminants screen. Values range from <1 (Optimum) in the Green to 10 (Near failure) Red. The date|time of the data collection proceeds from left to right. Right click and select show point values. then holding cursor on the bar will show the specific reading magnitude and the date time data was collected.



Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Full featured Documentation generator](#)

Engineering Mode

If the user has engineering privileges they can view and alter the coefficient table to optimize performance for specific operating conditions. Note:

Caution: Supervisors are urged to view section on '**Operational Hints**' before modifying any of the default settings. In general the defaults should

be adjusted to compensate for machine RPM and other special characteristics. However actual experience should be used to reach conclusions

about making changes in coefficients for particular machines. Example: if a facility has 100 machines of the same type one can

easily begin to look at variability and scatter in the family to create useful norms. Then if one finds that adjustments should

be made to one or more coefficients the change can be made on all.

The patented Multiple Discriminant Analysis tm coefficients are provided to allow users to optimize the benefits of your BearingLifeGuard tm system.

Engineering		Def.	Min.	Max.
Demo Bearing 09				
C2 KFD2 Scale	2	2.0	0.1	100.
C4 BDF Scale	1	1.0	0.2	100.
C5 DFF Gain	1	1.0	0.1	100.
C6 DFF HFF Contribution	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.6
C7 DFF LFF Contribution	0.8	0.8	0.7	4.0
C9 LEF DFF Contribution	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5
Peak Scale	1	1.0	0.2	100.
S1 HFD Scale	1	1.0	0.25	100.
S2 EDD Scale	1	1.0	0.25	100.

Created with the Standard Edition of HelpNDoc: [Easily create PDF Help documents](#)

OPERATIONAL HINTS

1.1 Operational Hints

1.2 Variations with RPM

The MTTF and Life Estimates in BearingLifeGuard are based on remaining cycles to failure. That is, one hour on a 3600 RPM machine equals represents 216,000 cycles. On an 1800 RPM machine it represents 108,000. Hence, the 1800 RPM machine will have twice the estimated MTTF of a 3600 RPM machine in the same condition. All vibration readings, including the impact and RMS levels measured at the bearing housing load zone will vary with speed, mounting, bearing design, installation and system orientation. (vertical/horizontal). The BearingLifeguard system is designed to allow adjustment to minimize the effect of these variables.

The system automatically adjusts the filter band for envelope detection and demodulation. For RPM 1200 or greater it assumes an accelerometer resonance between approximately 16 kHz and 24 kHz. **For RPM below 900 it assumes that a high sensitivity sensor with a resonance between 8 kHz and 13 kHz will be used.** [For machines operating below 700 RPM see Factory]

Following are some general guide lines and suggestions for adjustments that may be required in setting up assembly coefficients to optimize system performance.

[Coefficients for POF & DF level screen alarms as well as Cost & Risk \$ levels are made available in the SQLiteUtility. and in the Settings screen located on the monitored point display screen. The default settings are for rotational speeds of 3600 RPM.]

1.3The Forecast period:

Manufacturers failure estimates are typically given in number of cycles and then converted to hours at a given RPM for convenience. Since the Bearing LifeGuard estimates are in hours the machine speed must be accounted for. The fault detection coefficients are set up for 3600 RPM and therefore a machine running at 7200 or 1800 will reach the same number of cycles in half or twice the running time respectively. So forecast period should be set accordingly from 90 to 45 or 180 days and 120 or 270 days respectively. The forecast POF will not change, but both the 'short term' POF and the MTTF and MTTF-E, based on number of cycles, will. The financial risk remains the same because it is derived from the estimated cost of failure and the estimated POF.

1.4Rotational Frequency Coefficient Settings:

L10 bearing life is stated in cycles to failure meaning that estimated bearing life in hours is inversely proportion to rotational frequency. When rotational frequency is doubled life will be cut in half. When rotational frequency is cut in half expected bearing life is doubled.

BearingLifeGuard diagnostics vary with frequency also, and they roughly approximate the life change with rotational frequency.

Measured housing acceleration varies roughly as frequency squared. Therefore we expect to compensate adjusting coefficients for systems with different rotational frequencies. Experience indicates that default settings will satisfy most common situations in the range of 1800 to 3600 RPM. To keep estimated cycles to failure approximately the same with RPM we suggest changing the forecast time period at 7200 to 45 days and 1800 to 180 days etc. Experience will also dictate changes for specific situations. In general we always recommend erring on the side of caution. Coefficient are weighted and the weighting will change with rotational speed.

If there is doubt, the specific time waveforms, and spectra are available for examination by the engineer or analyst to confirm severity prior to shutdown.

Note: On a variable frequency machine when possible, data should be collected at roughly the same speed for trending consistency

The discriminant levels vary w/RPM.-suggested initial coefficient settings roughly based on ISO10816-1. Note: **As coefficients are increased warning levels and readouts will be more conservative. (i.e. User will get earlier warnings.)** recommendations are as follows: [For Supervisor/Engineer level only.] **Default Settings.**

ISO NEAR FAIL (g rms)	.015-.02	0.05-0.1	0.1-0.15	0.15-0.3	0.3-0.7	3	5	10-20	20-50
Coefficient RPM-- (min/max)	<200	<400	<600	<1000	1200-1500	1750-2400	3600	5000<7200	<12000
PEAK g 0,2/1500	100-200	25-80	10-30	2-6	3	2	1	0.5	0.1
C2- KFD2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.5	0.1

0.1/100.									
C4- BDF Scale 0.2/100	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
C5 -DF Scale 0.1/1500 *(see note	50- 150	20-50	10- 30	5-10	3-7	2	1	0.5	0,1
C6- DF/HF cont. 0.0/0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
C7- DF/LF cont. 0.7/4	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
C9- LE DF 0.1/0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
S1- HF Scale 0.25/1500	50- 200	25-80	10- 30	4-6	3	2	1	0.5	0.1
S2- ED Scale 0.25/100	50- 200	25-80	10- 30	5-16	5-10	4	1	0.5	0.25

* LF rms g x mass of housing.

General hints: [Read carefully.]

Coefficients for approximate RPM are set by the Supervisor for each assembly to produce POF based on measured severity of surface defects. The coefficients may be adjusted to compensate for anticipated variations in measured acceleration with RPM.[DF] Peak g and High frequency RMS g [HF] for a given machine, will vary roughly as the square of RPM. When properly set they should produce 63% POF for a near failure defect condition. Defaults are set based on measurements made with test machines running at 3600 RPM. Forecast period is defaulted at 90 days (Deemed a reasonable period for required action.) for machines running near 3600 RPM. **Since L10 bearing design life is specified in cycles, it is reasonable to estimate a machine running at 7200 RPM will fail sooner and that one running at 1800 or 1200 RPM will run longer with a given defect severity.** 90 days is approximately 5 year MTTF, 45 days 2.5 yrs., 180 10 years and 270 15 yrs. 270 is suggested for machines running < 600 RPM. A supervisor will change the forecast period and coefficients accordingly. **(In general user should adjust to satisfy individual risk tolerance and critical nature of the machine under test.)** .

C6 User selected % contribution of High Frequency energy to lower frequency Dynamic Forces .(0.2=20%)

C9 User selected Dynamic Force reduction of estimated bearing life at DF max.of 10 (0.2=20% . 0.5 =50%) Estimated reduction in expected life due to excessive DF.

Note: These setting recommendations are provided for guidance only. User experience will be the most important guide. If you tear down a bearing with surface condition that reflects lesser or more severe degradation than the discriminants may have indicated the engineer/supervisor has the ability to go in and adjust the coefficients accordingly. In general raising the coefficient will make the system more sensitive and provide earlier warnings.They are intended to provide adequate warning and to allow the user the flexibility to optimize the diagnostic effectiveness of the system. If a user discovers that the range of adjustment is not sufficient, please provide feedback to DMC/tech support and that request will be evaluated and if needed, a change will be made on the basic package and sent free of charge to all users. For machines operating outside the 200 to 12,000 RPM range users are requested to contact techsupport@bearinglifeguard.com. **Important: when an increase in any discriminant is noted it indicates a degrading condition and a need to monitor the machine more frequently to observe trend of problem indicated.**

REFERENCES

- 1) Rolling Bearing Analysis-3rd Edition, Tedric A. Harris, Wiley- Interscience Publication.
- 2) Torrington Fafnir Kilian Service Catalog. 2001 (Now Timkin Bearing Co.)
- 3) Shock & Vibration Handbook, Third Edition, Cyril M. Harris
- 4) ISO standard 10816.
- 5) Mechanical Failure Prevention Society (MFPT)
62-Virginia Beach, Virginia, US
Update on BearingLifeGuard project.
- 6) Copyright 2010, Dynamic Measurement Consultants, LLC
- 7) US Patents 8950.6495.4495 & 7.606.673

ASSISTANCE-SUPPORT

The system is provided with a Quick Start User's Manual in addition to the Help Screen. This is the first place to look for additional information. In addition, the program website has a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) area. , if your question is not answered by one of the FAQ's you can e-mail or contact technical support at techsupport@bearinglifeguard.com . E-mail questions are generally answered within one or two business day.

DATA COLLECTION

General Gudelines

Please contact Technical Support @ bearinglifeguard.com